

JOSEPH J. SINNOTT.

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Mr. BARTLETT, of Georgia, from the Committee on Accounts, submitted the following

## REPORT.

[To accompany H. Res. No. 401.]

The Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred House resolution No. 27, have had the same under consideration and recommend in lieu thereof the adoption of the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That there shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House, until otherwise provided for by law, compensation at the rate of one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum to Joseph J. Sinnott, for services as special messenger and assistant pair clerk to the minority, said office and compensation to be in lieu of one special messenger now authorized at one thousand five hundred dollars per annum; and to said Sinnott there shall be paid out of the contingent fund an amount equal to the rate of three hundred dollars per annum, from and including March seven-teenth, nineteen hundred and nine, until the date of the adoption of this resolution.

This resolution increases the compensation of one of the special messengers to the minority in consideration of additional services rendered as assistant pair clerk, and to equalize his compensation with that received by the other pair clerks, three in number, who are regularly provided for as such at \$1,800 per annum, two of whom act for the majority side and one for the minority side. Mr. Sinnott, whose appointment as a special messenger to the minority as a result of caucus action, was authorized by the resolution adopted by the House March 17, 1909, first session Sixty-first Congress, has continued to perform, as he did in the last Congress, the duties of assistant pair clerk to the minority, and these additional services were sought to be compensated by increasing his salary when the resolution of March 17, 1909, was under consideration in the House, by an amendment offered by the chairman of the Democratic caucus, Mr. Clayton, of Alabama. That the increase was not made at that time, but was conceded to be just, and the reasons for same, are shown in the debate upon the resolution, from which the following is quoted:

Mr. CLAYTON. \* \* \* After conversation with my associates the unanimous opinion on this side of the House was that Mr. Sinnott, who is called upon frequent

to act as assistant pair clerk, ought to have his pay increased by \$300. As I understand it, two such employees are accorded to the majority in the House, a pair clerk and some clerk who assists the pair clerk, each one of whom draws \$1,800 a year, as I understand it, and I therefore ask unanimous consent to amend the resolution so as to increase the compensation to Mr. Sinnott by \$300, making his total salary \$1,800 per annum. \* \* \*

Mr. PAYNE. I would suggest to the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. Clayton] that he ask unanimous consent for the passage of the resolution in its present form, and then offer an amendment, which can go to the Committee on Accounts and be reported.

Mr. CLAYTON. Very well, then; I will let it take that course.

It is therefore in accordance with the understanding expressed in this debate that your committee recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution, which not only fixes the compensation of the office of Mr. Sinnott at \$1,800 per annum, but also authorizes payment to him from March 17, 1909, in furtherance of the desire of the minority and apparently of the House itself. The resolution also makes the title of the office correspond with the nature of the duties performed and to be performed.

